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JEAN HOEFER TOAL, Chief Justice, of Columbia.

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Scott Coll., Outstanding Alumnae Award, 1991; Cola. Coll., 1992; Chm., S.C. Juvenile Justice Task Force, 1992–94; John W. Williams Award, Richland Co. Bar, 1994; Jean Galloway Bissell Award, S.C. Women Lawyers Assn., 1995; Portrait Honoree, S.C. Trial Lawyers Assn., 1995; Hon. Doc. of Humane Letters, Coll. of Charleston, 1990; Hon. Doctor of Law, Columbia Coll., 1993; The Citadel, 1999; Francis Marion Univ., 1999; Univ. of S.C., 2000; Charleston Law School, 2007; Converse Coll., 2008; 2002 Govt. Technology Top 25, Doers, Dreamers & Drivers Award; ABA Margaret Brent Award, 2004; Lector, St. Joseph's Catholic Church; John Belton O'Neill Inn of Court; Bd. of

Dirs., Conf. of Chief Justices; past Pres., Conf. of Chief Justices; past Chair, Bd. of Dirs., Natl. Center for State Courts; Private Law Practice, Haynsworth, Perry, Bryant, Marion & Johnstone, 1968–70; Belser, Baker, Barwick, Ravenel, Toal & Bender, 1970–88; mem.: S.C. Human Affairs Comm., 1972–74; S.C. House of Reps., 1975–88; Chm., House Rules Com., 1980–88; elected Assoc. Justice Jan. 27, 1988 to fill unexpired term of George Tillman Gregory, Jr., elected Chief Justice; qualified Mar. 17, 1988; re-elected Feb. 14, 1996; elected Chief Justice June 2, 1999 to fill the unexpired term of Chief Justice Ernest A. Finney, Jr., retired; installed Mar. 23, 2000, serving continuously since.

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Mar. 23, 2000, serving continuously since.

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BEATTY, Donald W. “Don” (Spartanburg Co.)—g. S.C. State Univ., B.A., 1974; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1979; mem., City Council, City of Spartanburg, 1988–90; mil. serv.: Off., USA; former mem.: Piedmont Legal Servs. Bd. of Dirs.; Spartanburg Residential Dev. Corp.; Southside Neighborhoods Assn. Partnership; BB&T Adv. Bd.; BMW minority Adv. Bd./BMW Construction Project; current mem., Sentencing Reform Comm.; House of Reps., 1991–95; past mem.: Med., Mil., Public and Municipal Affairs Com.; Jud. Com.; served as VC and Chm.-elect of the S.C. Legis. Black Caucus; Seventh Circuit Fee Dispute Resolution Com.; Sentencing Guidelines Comm.; Com. to Review S.C. Drug and Common Laws; Judge of the Seventh Circuit, 1995–03; Court of Appeals, 2003–07; elected to Supreme Court May 23, 2007 to fulfill unexpired term of E. C. Burnett, retired; qualified Aug. 10, 2007; re-elected Feb. 3, 2010.



KITTREDGE, John Williamson (Greenville Co.)—*b.* Sept. 28, 1956 in Greenville; *s.* the late E. H. Kittredge, Jr. and Marian J. Kittredge; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.S., *summa cum laude*, 1979, J.D., 1982; June 20, 1981 *m.* Lila Graham Hewell, 3 children, Lila Marian, Will, and Zay; Phi Beta Kappa, Order of the Coif; Order of the Wig & Robe; past Pres., Crimestoppers of Greenville; past Chm., City of Greenville Civil Serv. Comm.; past mem., Gov.'s Com. on Criminal Justice, Crime & Delinquency; past Bd. mem. & VP, Greenville Tech. Coll. Foundation;



past mem., S.C. Jt. Legis. Com. on Children; Gov's Juvenile Justice Task Force, 1995–98; First Presbyterian Church; elected Family Court Judge, 13th Judicial Circuit, May 8, 1991 and served continuously until elected Judge at-large, Seat 11, Feb. 14, 1996; qualified May 3, 1996; served continuously until elected Judge of the Thirteenth Circuit May 6, 1998; qualified June 9, 1998, served continuously until elected Judge of the Court of Appeals, Seat 3, May 28, 2003–08, served continuously until elected Assoc. Justice of the Supreme Court, Seat 3, Feb. 6, 2008 to succeed James E. Moore, retired; qualified May 14, 2008.

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HEARN, Kaye Gorenflo (Horry Co.)—*b.* Jan. 30, 1950 in Delaware, Ohio; *d.* James F. and Kathleen (Haines) Gorenflo; *g.* Bethany Coll., B.A., *cum laude*, 1972; Univ. of S.C., J.D., *cum laude*, 1977; Univ. of Va., LL.M., 1998; Feb. 16, 1980 *m.* George M. Hearn, 1 child, Kathleen Wrenn; Order of the Wig and Robe; recipient, Amer. Jurisprudence Award, Conflict of Laws;

Legal Writing Instructor; listed in *Who's Who Among Students in Amer. Colls. and Univs.*, 1971–72; law clerk to the Honorable J. B. Ness, Assoc. Justice of the S.C. Supreme Court, 1977–79; private law practice, 1979–86; mem., Bd. of Bar Examiners, 1984–86; Horry Co. Family Court Judge, 1986–95; Pres., S.C. Conf. of Family Court Judges, 1992–93; Carolina Trial Lawyers' Portrait Honoree, 2004; Pres., Council of Chief Judges of State Courts of Appeal, 2005–06; adjunct professor, Appellate Advocacy, Charleston School of Law; mem.: St. Paul's Episcopal Church; Chief Justice's Comm. on the Profession; Alternative Dispute Resolution Comm., 2005–; Univ. of S.C. Law School Partnership Bd.; Charleston School of Law Bd. of Advisors; elected Judge of the Court of Appeals Mar. 21, 1995–Feb. 2000; elected Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals June 2, 1999 to fill unexpired term of Chief Judge William T.

Howell, retired; qualified May 4, 1999; elected Assoc. Justice of the Supreme Court, Seat 4, May 13, 2009 to succeed John H. Waller, retired; qualified Jan. 1, 2010.

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